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January 2, 2020

Upcounty Land Use Committee Meeting

Monday, January 6 7:00pm

**Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

Topic: "Status of Agritourism in the County"

*Guests: Jeremy Criss, Director, Office of Agricultural Services
Kelly Groff, President & CEO, Visit Montgomery (invited)*

Upcounty Quality of Life Committee Meeting

Monday, January 13 7:00pm

(to be determined)

Topic: "Montgomery County Correction and Rehabilitation System"

Guest: Angela Talley, Director, Department of Correction & Rehabilitation (invited)

Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board Meeting

Monday, January 27 7:00pm

**Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

Topic: "Changes in Montgomery County Government"

Guest: Andrew Kleine, Chief Administrative Officer, Offices of the County Executive

All Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board and Committee meetings are open to the public!

To see meeting agendas and summaries, visit <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/upcounty/ucab/BoardInfo.html>

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Update!

FY21 Montgomery County Community Grants Application Process and Timeline

The FY21 Community Grants Application portal will open on January 2, 2020 with grant applications due on January 29, 2020.

[View the December 19, 2019 memo on the FY21 Community Grants process from the Office of Management and Budget to the County Council.](#)

After discussions and focus groups with County and nonprofit stakeholders, Montgomery County is pleased to announce the FY21 Community Grants Application Process. Please note that there are a number of changes to the grants process for FY21 as outlined below.

- The County Council and County Executive FY21 Community Grants programs, including the application process and corresponding budgets, will be combined, creating a single, streamlined process.
- The community grant application portal for FY21 grants will open for submissions on January 2, 2020.
- The Community Grant application portal will close on January 29, 2020.
- OMB and County departmental staff will review the renewal grant applications and make recommendations to the Executive, and the Executive will include specific recommendations for renewal grants in his FY21 Recommended Budget in March.
- The Executive will include in his FY21 Recommended Budget, subject to affordability, an amount of funding available for new and enhanced community grants programs.
- Due to timing constraints, recommendations for specific new and enhanced Community Grants will not be included in the FY21 Recommended Budget. Instead, OMB and Council staff will jointly develop a review process for new and enhanced programs. These recommendations will be transmitted to Council after March 15.

Community Grant application training workshops will be conducted throughout the County for nonprofit partners during the week of January 6, 2020. These are scheduled for:

- Tuesday, January 7, 2020 – Plum Gar Recreation Center at 10:00 am;
- Tuesday, January 7, 2020 – Wheaton Community Center at 2:00 pm;
- Wednesday, January 8, 2020 – Council Office Building at 5:30 pm; and
- Thursday, January 9, 2020 – Silver Spring Civic Center at 10:00 am.

Given the current fiscal climate and the intention to transition to a new Community Grants process in FY22, the County Executive will recommend prioritizing funding in the following order.

1. Renewing viable and effective FY20 Community Grants funded programs.
 2. Renewing programs and funding levels for Community Grants from FY18 and FY19, if they were funded at a lower level or not funded for FY20.
 3. Creating, as funding allows, a limited pool of resources for new programs or program enhancements.
- The Community Grants application and review process for the Cost-Sharing Capital Grants process will not change so that State matching funds can continue to be maximized.
 - Additional changes to the grants process are being discussed for implementation in fiscal year 2022, there will be additional opportunities for the nonprofit community to have input in that process – those will be announced for Spring and Summer 2020.

For more information, visit the grant application portal at www.mcmandgrants.fluidreview.com (accessible via Google Chrome).

PUBLIC HEARING

Council to Hold Public Hearing on Special Appropriation to Increase School Community Health Nurse Positions

**Tuesday, January 14 1:30pm
Council Office Building, 3rd floor Hearing Room
100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville**

The Montgomery County Council will hold a public hearing on the following Special Appropriation:

Special appropriation to the County Government's FY20 Operating Budget, DHHS – \$164,279 to increase the number of School Community Health Nurse positions. Source: General Fund reserves.

The hearing will be televised live by County Cable Montgomery (CCM) on Xfinity channels 6 and 996, RCN channels 6 and 1056; and FiOS channel 30. It also will be available live via streaming through the Council website at <http://tinyurl.com/z9982v8>.

Those interested in testifying at the public hearing can sign up online at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/phsignup.html or by calling 240-777-7803.

The deadline to sign up is January 13 at 5:00pm. Call 240-777-7910 to obtain copies of the documents or go to <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/index.html>

Montgomery County Provides Information about New Rules for Accessory Dwelling Units

New information about Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), such as a basement apartment, in-law suite or tiny home, is now available on the [Montgomery County website](#) and by calling 311. The information reflects changes in the County's [Zoning Text Amendment 19-01](#) that took effect on Tuesday, Dec. 31.

An ADU is a housing unit located on the same lot as a single-family detached house – subject to specific legal requirements. An ADU is not permitted in a townhouse, condo, duplex or mobile home and may not be used as a short-term vacation rental.

To ensure compliance with health and safety laws, all existing ADUs and proposed ADUs must be licensed with the Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA). ADUs are inspected at licensure application for compliance with County housing and zoning codes. Required building permits are issued by the Department of Permitting Services.

ADUs located within the following municipalities are not required to be licensed with DHCA: Town of Laytonsville, Town of Barnesville, Town of Garrett Park, Villages of North Chevy Chase, City of Rockville and City of Gaithersburg. Homeowners in the City of Takoma Park must obtain a one-time ADU license issued by DHCA and maintain a renewable rental license with the City of Takoma Park.

Homeowners with a unit previously licensed with DHCA as an "accessory apartment" will be reclassified as an ADU. To learn more about ADUs or to apply for an ADU license, visit [the DHCA Licensing and Registration Class 3 Accessory Dwelling Unit](#) webpage or call 311 (240-777-0311).



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Department of Environmental Protection <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dep>

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Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org/>

Department of Health and Human Services www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhs